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Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of (1) ONE MONTH to respond to the FINAL OFFICE ACTION mailed on January 23, 2006; because of this extension the time period for response will expire on May 23, 2006. Attached is an RCE.

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